

I represent Missouri Southern State University. We operate four ITFS channels on call letters WHR 956. Currently we broadcast over all four channels to rural schools and cable networks. The content we carry is that college courses, university information programs, and health related issues. We also utilize the ITFS channels in a two-format for video conferencing between our institution and other license holders. We wish to continue to utilize ITFS partially on a strong signal because of terrain uses and the cost that would be involved in having to establish repeater antennas. It is also hoped that at some point in the future we will be able to utilize the ITFS channels in both data movement and broadband inter campus connections for computer connections between students and classes.

We support comments of the WCA/NIA/CTN and the separate comments and reply comments by NIA/CTN. More specifically recognize and support the need to retain the current eligibility requirements for ITFS licenses.

The ITFS bandwidth we presently have is highly utilized; we see great possibilities for future use of the bandwidth in carrying out the mission of our institution. ITFS is a wonderful tool institutions like ourselves that are in rural situations. We have examined and do use other delivery methods but for the purposes we utilize ITFS for other delivery systems have shown to be ineffective, too expensive, and lack the quality necessary for some of the health related programs we have disseminated.